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Current and future priorities for Nordic energy cooperation. Challenge for closer Nordic and Baltic cooperation

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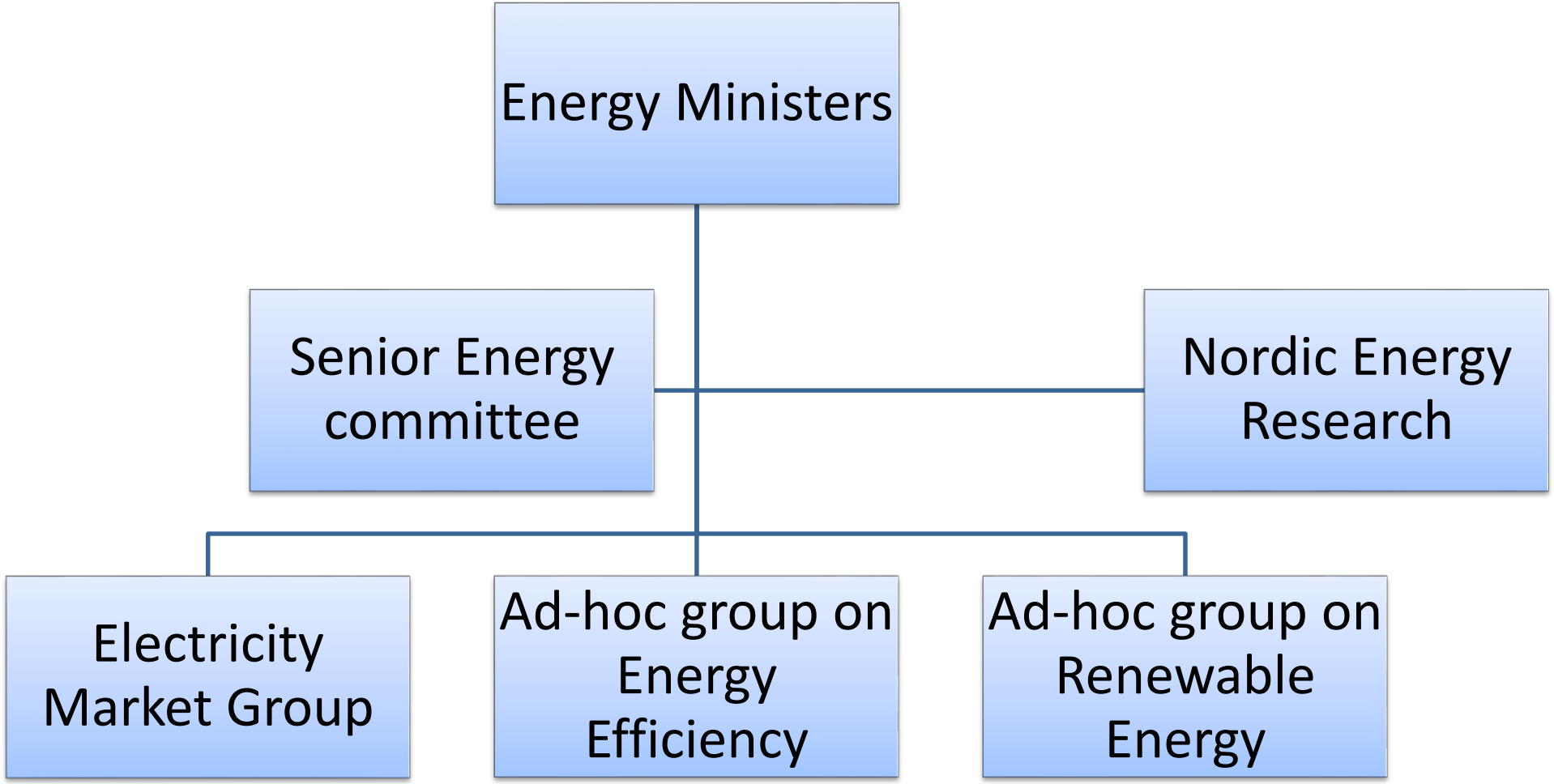
Nordic Council of Ministers

- Prime Ministers
- Cooperation ministers
- Sector Ministers (including energy)
- Rotating chairmanship
- Secretariat in Copenhagen
- NCM Offices in Baltic countries

Nordic Energy cooperation – Nordic Council of Ministers. Action Plan for Nordic energy cooperation 2014-2017

- Nordic Council of Ministers – wide range og areas, including energy
- Norwegian chairmanship 2017. Rotating
- Last year of implementing action plan on energy coopeation
- NO,SE, DK, FIN, ISL and autonomous areas
- Strategic evaluation of Nordic energy cooperation (Ollila report june 2017)

Nordic energy cooperation - structure



Nordic energy cooperation - History

Overview:

- Unique and long standing history
- First under-sea cable 1915 (DK-SE)
- First meeting of energy ministers 1980
- Thereafter annual ministerials
- Agreement to harmonize the electricity market Louisiana declaration 1995 (prior to the first EU electricity directive 1996)
- First international liberalized regional electricity market (model for others)
- Nordic neighbourhood policies and cooperation towards Baltics from 1990's, including (NB8, BASREC and BEMIP)

Nordic energy cooperation. Main objectives

Objectives:

- Stable and secure energy supply
- Sustainable growth
- Meet the challenges in climate change
- Promote the Nordic technolgy solutions worldwide
- Develop further the Nordic electricity market

Nordic energy cooperation – main areas

Areas:

- Electricity
- Renewable energy
- Energy efficiency
- Energy technologies – Nordic Energy Research
- International: EU, Baltic countries and promotional activities

Nordic energy cooperation – the nature of cooperation

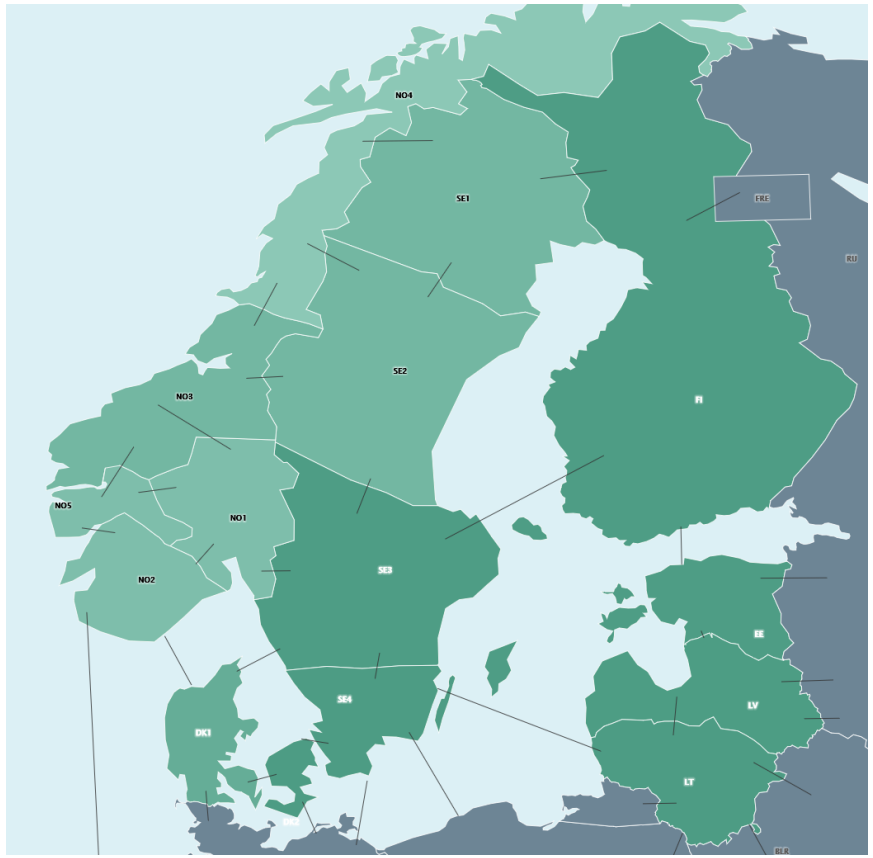
Some main characteristics:

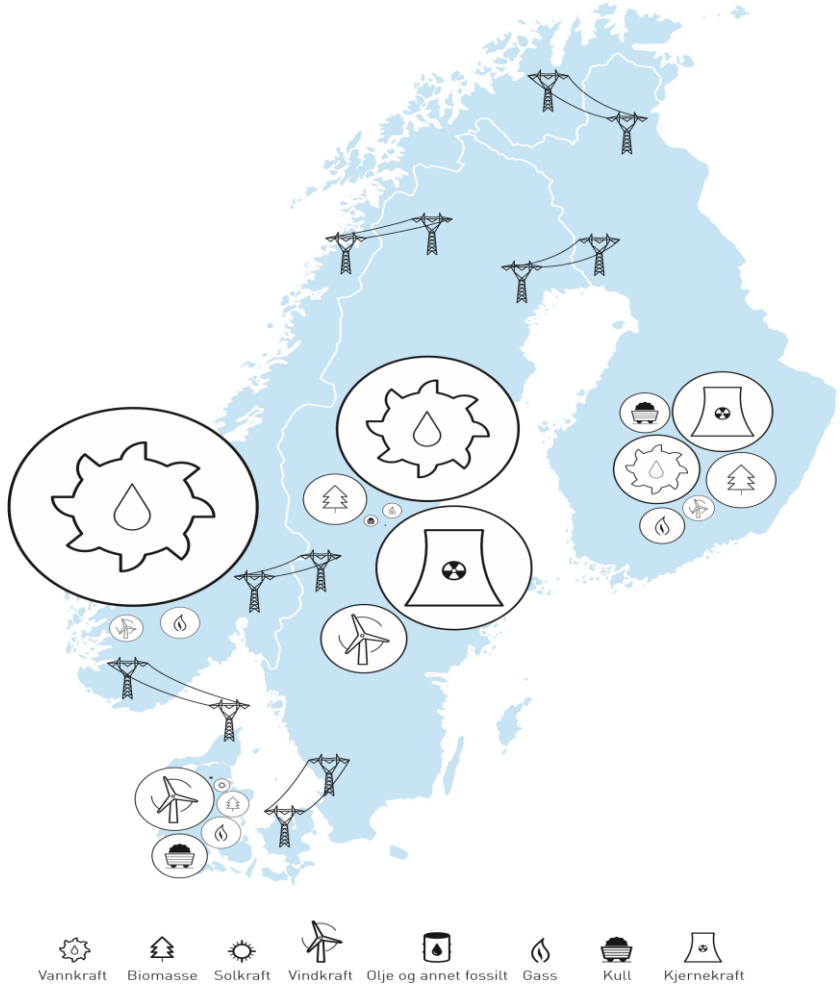
- Based on trust
- Voluntary
- Low cost
- Non legal (not adoption of legal frameworks)

Some main criteria for programmes, projects and cooperation:

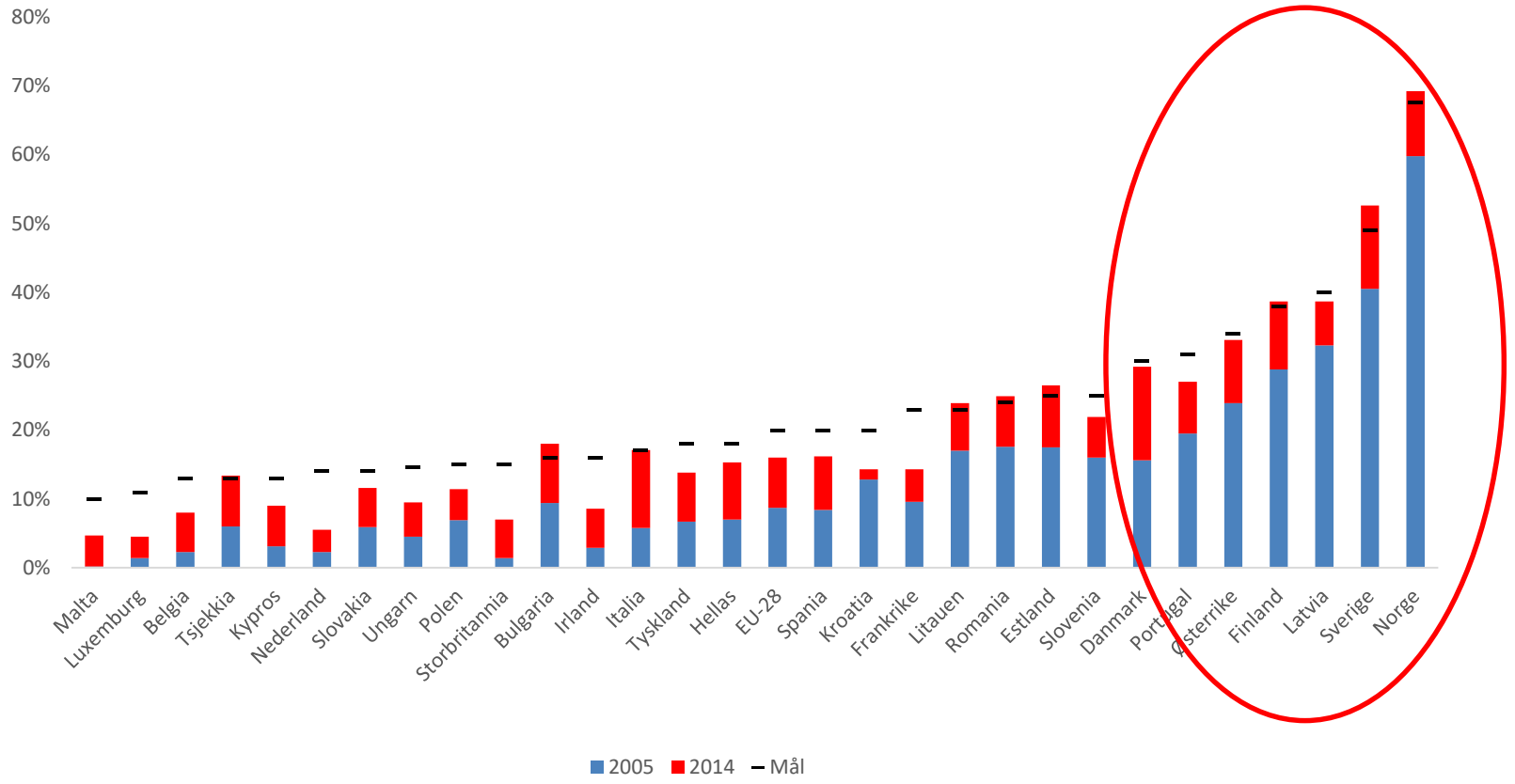
- added Nordic value
- policy relevance
- within action plan

An integrated Nordic Electricity Market





The Nordic and Baltic countries. Renewable shares are amongst the highest in Europe



Nordics and the EU

- Clean Energy for all Europeans (winter package 2016)
- Huge number of pages
- New and modified legislation
- 8 proposals
- Market design and governance
- Energy efficiency and renewables
- Governance is the crosscutting theme, energy and climate plan

The Nordics and the dimensions of the EU energy union

The Nordics are in the forefront along many of the EU Energy Union dimensions and promote good governance

- Security of supply
- Fully integrated energy market
- Energy efficiency
- Decarbonization
- Research and Innovation

The Nordic countries seems to have proactive and robust polices along all dimensions of the EU energy union.

Challenge for closer Nordic and Baltic cooperation

Toolkit since 1990's

- Nordic Baltic 8 (coordination before EU-meetings) 1992-2017
- BASREC (Baltic Sea Region Energy Cooperation) 1998-2015
- BEMIP (Baltic Energy Market Integration Plan) 2009-2017
- NCM offices (annual events like in Tallinn on governance)
- Informal events (EU-issues)
- Common EU/EEA agenda

Strategic evaluation – Ollila report on the energy cooperation, medio 2017

- Very important input for programme period 2018-2021
- Evaluation of historical content and future direction
- Cooperation "strong but can become even stronger"
- Constructive and open discussion , including all stakeholders
- 14 recommendations
- Howe to convert good ideas into the way forward, post 2017?
- Adoption of new action plan for the Nordic energy cooperation at Nordic ministerial 23. november 2017

Thank you for your attention !